

I am in opposition to this legislation!

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My name is Cathy Gallbrunner and a private provider educates my 15 year old child currently. We had him placed in a RESC facility and they were not able to handle his behaviors but they could not educate my son. Since being in a private educational setting he has began to communicate, learned vocational skills and can not assist with his daily care.

Most of these private educational placements are willing to take the more behaviorally and medically complex children and work towards educating them to being as independent as possible. My son was hospitalized for four and had months due to his behavioral needs and has been denied by 96 residential facilities. Without the private educational placement willing to work with him and educate him, he would have remained in a hospital setting which is no place for a child to learn and grow.

Again, I am in opposition to this legislation.

Respectfully,  
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